

**Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries (CONBLS)**  
**Luncheon & Business Meeting**  
**October 7, 2012      11:30am-1:30pm**  
**Augusta (GA) Marriott Hotel & Suites - Hamilton Room**  
**MINUTES**

**Welcome**

Nadine Dexter, CONBLS Chair and David King, SC/MLA Conference Host welcomed members to the CONBLS business meeting luncheon. Nadine thanked David for planning our luncheon meeting.

**Introductions** (attendees list last page)

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the November 2010 CONBLS Business Meeting held in Bradenton, FL were approved and seconded as submitted with no changes.

They are linked from the CONBLS web page – [http://www.lhl.uab.edu/conbls/?page\\_id=49](http://www.lhl.uab.edu/conbls/?page_id=49)

**Treasurer's Report - Fatima Barnes, Treasurer**

**CONBLS Treasurer's Report - October 5, 2011**

BALANCE AS OF 10/05/2011: **\$ 14,004.44**

INCOME:

Interest:	\$ 0.7
Membership Dues:	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 6,000.07

EXPENSES:

St. Petersburg Business Luncheon	\$ 1,273.73
Plaque	<u>\$ 67.70</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 1,341.43</u>
BALANCE AS OF 10/05/2011:	<b><u>- 1,341.43</u></b>
	<b>\$ 12,663.01</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Fatima M. Mncube-Barnes

This report was accepted as information.

**Nominating Committee Report - Sandra Franklin, Chair Nominating Committee**

The CONBLS Nominating Committee met virtually over the summer to agree on a slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year. The Committee presents the following slate:

**Chair-elect: Judy Burnham, Director of the Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama**  
*Chair -elect 2011-2012; Chair 2012-2013; Past Chair 2013-2014*

**Secretary: Barbara Shearer, Director of the Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University**  
3 year term 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14

Suresh Ponnappa will be incoming Chair and Fatima Barnes will continue as Treasurer for the last year of her initial term.

My thanks to members of the Nominating Committee for their service and timely responses: T. Scott Plutchak, Mary Moore, Taneya Koonce, and Justin Robertson. Thanks also to our candidates for their willingness to serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sandra Franklin*

There were no nominations from the floor when polled by Chair Dexter. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's slate as presented.

### **Salary Survey**

Salary Surveys are due to Tom Basler or Nancy McKeehan by Oct 20th. Please submit ASAP if you have not already done so.

### **CONBLS Archives**

All CONBLS Archives are now housed at UAB's Lister Hill Library. Tom Basler sent materials in his possession to join materials at UAB; Sandra Franklin sent folders kept by Carol Burns. If others have CONBLS related history, please sent it to Scott Plutchak.

### **2012 Retreat**

Nadine Dexter will host the next CONBLS Retreat at the University of Central FL, Orlando, April 11- 13, 2012. The Retreat is Directors only. Requests for travel reimbursements should be submitted by the end of February. Nadine's suggested emerging technologies as a retreat topic, based on studies and experiences at UCF. Members were encouraged to send topics of interest to Nadine via e-mail. The 2014 Retreat will be hosted by Fatima Barnes at Meharry Medical College, Memphis TN.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ILL Survey – David King**

Given the changing landscape of ILL within our region, David King would like to survey members in order to look at trends in reciprocal Borrowing and lending over the past few years. Data will be presented in the aggregate. Be on the lookout for the survey in the coming months.

#### **Print Serials Preservation Programs - Barbara Shearer**

Barbara reported on the status of print retention efforts of the Florida Consortium of Academic Medical Libraries (FCALM) and the State University System (SUS) of Florida. For print journals currently held by the University of Florida Health Sciences Library, FCALM libraries will send print journals needed to fill gaps and/or missing issues/volumes before discarding when weeding their own collections. UF Health is planning on sending these print journals to the planned statewide storage facility. For print monographs, FCALM libraries will retain or send to a planned statewide storage facility unique copies of books when compared with other SUS libraries. During discussion, we confirmed that there is no CONBLS plan for a print retention project. There were questions related to CONBLS reciprocal borrowing but policies for the statewide storage facility in Florida have not been developed yet which provide insight into this. Barbara will share more information as it becomes available.

The RML preservation task force and committee were mentioned, along with the recent NLM MedPrint initiative. MedPrint is a national cooperative medical serials print retention program with the goal of getting commitments for the retention of 12 copies of the approx. 250 Abridged Index Medicus titles. This would be a formal agreement between MedPrint participants and NLM.

The MedPrint site, which includes detailed information about the program, as well as links to the downloadable title list and the formal agreement document, is available at:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/printretentionmain.html>

## **BioMed Central - Suresh Ponnappa and Tom Singarella**

Suresh and Tom led a discussion to determine if member interest in revisiting a CONBLS deal for a BioMed Central membership. There are currently four CONBLS libraries with some level of membership: University of FL, University of Miami, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Vanderbilt. Many did not renew the previous CONBLS deal with BioMed Central due to a change in business model. In 2003, there was one invoice for all institutions giving a 10% discount. Several members stated that BioMed Central would have to offer a higher percentage discount, say 25%, and greater discount to authors who publish, in order for to take a deal under consideration.

## **Oral History Committee Report**

Barbara Shearer reported for committee Chair Dave Boilard. The committee believes it would be a major effort to conduct and transcribe oral histories among current or former CONBLS members, and to store and retrieve. The committee offered an alternative of developing a concise chronology of CONBLS to go along with Tom Basler's *25 Year History of CONBLS*. Anything more would require a major effort – a large project- and would need a champion to see it through. Scott shared his knowledge of the creation of CONBLS and phases over time. The gap in officers was during a time of potential phase out. Several spoke of the value of CONBLS for networking and information sharing, esp. new medical schools. Barbara will discuss further with the committee and anyone interested in championing a larger project was urged to step up.

## **Report of the 2011 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award Committee**

The 2011 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award Committee included Judy Burnham, Chair, Barbara Shearer and Kathy Moeller.

Two libraries have been selected to receive the CONBLS Distinguished Library Award for 2011.

The East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine Medical Library project, *Solving Our Nation's Health Information Illiteracy: A Simple Plan*, is an ongoing outreach project designed to train public library employees to help users locate quality health care information. The Quillen College of Medicine librarians formed strategic partnerships with the Tennessee State Library & Archives and the University of Tennessee's Preston Library and provided leadership and training for 250 public library workers who received MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization Certificates from 2005-2011. Eighty-seven three hour classes were conducted and nine hundred eleven participants attended classes. This project demonstrates success for the "train the trainer" model; the public library workers are disseminating what they have learned to other groups in their communities. The details of the project have been shared in the library literature and presented at international, national, and regional conferences.

The project by the University of Alabama at Birmingham Lister Hill Library for the Health Sciences, *Access not Ownership: Subsidizing ILL and offering Pay per View to get Articles to our Users*, is an innovative document delivery program and study. The goal of the project was to maintain access to a high quality collection of journal content while reducing subscription costs. This was accomplished by using available collection development funds to subsidize interlibrary loan services, as well as provide an option for ordering articles directly from the vendor or publisher. First year results showed an increase in ILL article requests from 2,962 in 2009 to 4,291 in 2010, and 165 PPV requests were filled during the year. UAB developed a detailed implementation plan and shared the project details with all stakeholders, gaining the buy-in necessary for the success of the project. This approach to meeting user needs through providing access to articles when needed, instead of ownership to articles through costly bundled journal packages, will help all of us better understand user preferences when faced with similar difficult choices. An article on the project has been submitted for peer-reviewed publication.

Congratulations to both these libraries for outstanding projects. The 2012 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award Committee will be co-chaired by Suresh Ponnappa and Scott Plutchak.

**Passing of the Gavel**

Nadine passed the gavel to Suresh Ponnappa, incoming Chair of CONBLS. Suresh stated he was honored to be elected and thanked the group for their confidence in him. Suresh presented Nadine with a plaque recognizing her leadership for the past year.

**Brief Directors Reports – Round Robin****Motion to Adjourn**

Our new Chair, Suresh Ponnappa called for a motion to adjourn. Carried and so ordered.

**2011-2012 Committees**

Ad Hoc Oral History Committee

Dave Boilard, Chair  
Jan LaBeause, Barbara Shearer

Nominating Committee

Nadine Dexter, Chair  
Volunteers

Distinguished Library Award

Judy Burnham, Chair  
Barbara Shearer, Kathy Moeller

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Franklin  
Volunteer Secretary

**CONBLS LUNCHEON ATTENDEES**

**Friday, October 7, 2011, 11:30- 1:30 PM**

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**ALABAMA**

University of Alabama at Birmingham -T. Scott Plutchak

University of South Alabama - Robert Britton

**FLORIDA**

University of Miami -Mary Moore and Geddy Paulaitis

University of Florida – Hannah Norton

University of South Florida - Beverly Shattuck and Rose Bland

Florida State University – Barbara Shearer and Martin Wood

Florida International University - Maria Melssen

University of Central Florida - Nadine Dexter, Deedra Walton and Shalu Gillum

**GEORGIA**

Emory University - Sandra Franklin and Anna Getselman

Medical College of Georgia - David King and Sandra Bandy

Mercer University School of Medicine – Carolann Curry and David Greenebaum

Morehouse School of Medicine - Joe Swanson and Sisi Arango

**MISSISSIPPI**

University of Mississippi Medical Center - Susan Clark

**PUERTO RICO**

University of Puerto Rico - no representative

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Medical University of South Carolina - Randall Watts

University of South Carolina – Laura Kane

**TENNESSEE**

East Tennessee State University - Suresh Ponnappa and Rick Wallace

Meharry Medical College – M. Fatima Mncube-Barnes and Don Dryden

University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center -Tom Singarella, Rick Fought and Gwen Jackson

Vanderbilt University Medical Center – Adeola Davis and Taneya Koonce